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Abstract: This report proposes a linearised Euler discretisation that will be compatible with some existing state of art in numerical methods for compressible flows on unstructured triangulations. The important property is the use of a stabilisation terms involving sixth-order derivatives. The main idea is to realize this programme by developing a scheme that enjoys superconvergence, i.e. a high convergence order when it is applied to a cartesian triangulation. We present a test case validating the theoretical order of accuracy and the so-called Tam test case, allowing some comparisons with two other typical numerical schemes for acoustics.

Key-words: Acoustics, numerical schemes, hyperbolic models, linearised Euler equations, unstructured meshes

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Un schéma MUSCL d'ordre élevé applicable aux équations d'Euler linéarisées de l'acoustique

Résumé :

Nous proposons un schéma numérique pour les équations d'Euler linéarisées qui est compatible avec certains schémas standard en triangles pour la mécanique des fluides compressibles numérique. Le point important est l'introduction de termes de stabilisation reposant sur des dérivées d'ordre six. Cela est réalisé en construisant un schéma superconvergent, c'est à dire d'ordre élevé quand on l'applique à des triangulations cartésiennes. Nous présentons le calcul d'un cas test validant l'ordre théorique de précision puis un cas test dû à Tam permettant des comparaisons avec d'autres schémas typiques en aéroacoustique.

Mots-clés : Acoustique, schémas numériques, modèles hyperboliques, Euler linéarisé, maillages non-structurés

1 INTRODUCTION

The numerical simulation of the propagation of waves with first-order partial differential equations of hyperbolic type involves a difficult approximation problem. Rather simple second-order accurate methods have been much used and appreciated for elliptic problems. In contrast, for first-order hyperbolics, not only the derivation of genuinely second order methods has costed a lot of efforts, but also it seems that most of second-order methods (and even most of third-order ones) are too dissipative to allow efficient enough accurate computations of acoustics for real life problems.

Several good high order schemes are now available for regular meshes (see, for example, [1]). They are derived from schemes with low dissipation, at least fourth-order accurate, or with a dissipation not larger than the dissipation applied in fourth-order accurate schemes.

The case of regular meshes is a relatively easier one. We can understand this if we consider the simplified case of advection with constant velocity. In that case, finding a good advection scheme is essentially finding an interpolation scheme. In the case of a Courant number equal to 1., some schemes can even be exact. Further, regular meshes are particularly favourable to the derivation of high-order accurate schemes that cost a rather small number of operations for their assembly.

The case of unstructured meshes represents the maximal difficulty. First, mesh irregularity amplifies dispersion phenomena. Secondly, many useful numerical methods do not extend easily (traditional compact schemes, for example) to the “unstructured” case. Today essentially two families of schemes enjoy high-order of accuracy, conservation properties and dissipation ones, the adaptation of ENO-type schemes to unstructured meshes ([2]), and the Discontinuous-Galerkin method ([3]). But these two family of schemes are accurate enough only if they are of fourth-order. In that last case, they consume a large computing effort for each unknown, and they are efficient only when enough nodes are used and a very small error is demanded.

From these remarks we can derive the following recommendations for unstructured meshes:

- (i) build second-order schemes that involve as few dissipation as do high-order schemes,
- (ii) equip the second-order scheme of superconvergence properties on cartesian meshes and use as often as possible cartesian meshing of subregions of the computational domain.

By superconvergence properties we mean that the scheme applies to arbitrary unstructured meshes but in region where the mesh is cartesian, the truncation error is smaller by several orders of magnitude. As far as (i) is concerned, we emphasize that the task is complex. Indeed, dissipation should offer a compensation to dispersion in the sense that excessively dispersed high frequencies should be damped in order to avoid oscillations and large errors. The balance is generally obtained by choosing high-order accuracy. However, in the derivation of the DRP scheme, Tam and co-workers prefer to optimize the scheme for low phase error better than keeping accuracy ([1]).

In this work we propose to extend a family of vertex-centered upwind schemes applying to triangulations. It will have the following properties:

- (i) the scheme is conservative,
- (ii) the dissipation is derived from sixth-order derivatives,
- (iii) the scheme is fifth-order accurate when it is applied to a cartesian mesh.

2 LOW DISSIPATION ADVECTION SCHEMES : 1D

Upwind schemes of Godunov type enjoy a lot of interesting qualities due to the perfect adequation of the upwinding mechanism they involve with unsteady waves. Unfortunately, the amount of dissipation they contain seems much larger than necessary for an accurate non-oscillatory numerical answer. As a consequence, the dominant term of the numerical error is carried by the dissipation.

We suggest to forget about strict monotony and to get inspired by Direct Simulation techniques in which non-dissipative high order approximations are stabilised in good accuracy conditions thanks to filters which rely on very-high even order derivatives. We shall first show how this can be done with a one-dimensional high-order MUSCL method modified in such a manner that the dominant dissipation term is a sixth-order derivative. In the linear case, this is exactly the construction of [4] also used in [5].

2.1 Spatial 1D MUSCL formulation

Let us first consider the the one-dimensional convection equation

$$u_t + c u_x = 0 \quad (1)$$

The finite-volume method is used for the spatial approximation. x_j , $1 \leq j \leq N$ denote the discretization points of the mesh. For each discretization point, we state : $u_j \approx u(x_j)$ and we define the control volume C_j as the interval $[x_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{j+\frac{1}{2}}]$ where $x_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2}$.

Let $U = \{u_j\}$ the unknown vector whose components are approximating the function $u(x)$ in each node j of the mesh. We build the vector $\Psi(U)$ according to spatial approximation of $(f(u))_x$, which can be written as :

$$\Psi_j(U) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} (\Phi_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - \Phi_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) ; \Phi_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \Phi(u_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^-, u_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^+) \quad (2)$$

where $u_{j\pm\frac{1}{2}}^\pm$ denote the values of u at boundaries of control volume C_j with $\Phi(u, v) = \frac{c}{2} [(1 - \delta \text{sign}(c))u + (1 + \delta \text{sign}(c))v]$.

According to the MUSCL methodology ([6]), the left and right control volume boundary states $u_{j\pm\frac{1}{2}}^\pm$ is built using linear interpolation formulas :

Schemes	δ	β	θ^c	θ^d	Order
1	1	1/3	0	0	3
2	1	1/3	- 1/6	0	4
3	1	1/3	0	- 1/6	4
4	1	1/3	- 1/10	- 1/15	5
4	0	1/3	- 1/10	- 1/15	6

Table 1: Accuracy of different versions of the new scheme in 1D case

$$\begin{aligned} u_{j+\frac{1}{2}-} &= u_j + \frac{1}{2} \Delta u_{j+\frac{1}{2}-} & ; & \quad u_{j+\frac{1}{2}+} = u_{j+1} - \frac{1}{2} \Delta u_{j+\frac{1}{2}+} \\ u_{j-\frac{1}{2}-} &= u_{j-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta u_{j-\frac{1}{2}-} & ; & \quad u_{j-\frac{1}{2}+} = u_j - \frac{1}{2} \Delta u_{j-\frac{1}{2}+} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $\Delta u_{j\pm\frac{1}{2}\pm}$ are slopes, i.e. approximations of derivative term $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$.

$$\Delta u_{j+\frac{1}{2}-} = (1 - \beta)(u_{j+1} - u_j) + \beta(u_j - u_{j-1}) \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta u_{j+\frac{1}{2}+} = (1 - \beta)(u_{j+1} - u_j) + \beta(u_{j+2} - u_{j+1}) \quad (5)$$

where β , is upwinding parameter that controls the combination of fully upwind and centered slopes. For $\beta = 1/3$ the scheme is the standard third order accurate scheme.

In the present vertex-centered context, high order accuracy is not obtained by a higher-order interpolation but by an interpolation that compensates the error coming from the final central differencing in (2). This writes as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u_{j+\frac{1}{2}-} &= (1 - \beta)(u_{j+1} - u_j) + \beta(u_j - u_{j-1}) \\ &\quad + \theta^c(-u_{j-1} + 3u_j - 3u_{j+1} + u_{j+2}) \\ &\quad + \theta^d(-u_{j-2} + 3u_{j-1} - 3u_j + u_{j+1}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u_{j+\frac{1}{2}+} &= (1 - \beta)(u_{j+1} - u_j) + \beta(u_{j+2} - u_{j+1}) \\ &\quad + \theta^c(-u_{j-1} + 3u_j - 3u_{j+1} + u_{j+2}) \\ &\quad + \theta^d(-u_j + 3u_{j+1} - 3u_{j+2} + u_{j+3}) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where β , θ^c and θ^d are upwinding parameters that control the combination of fully upwind and centered slopes.

We observe that schemes described in (5) are in general second-order accurate but they become high-order accurate for some values of the parameters β , δ , θ^c and θ^d . We note that for $\theta^c = 0$, $\theta^d = -1/6$ we maximise the degree of upwinding. Also, fifth order accuracy is obtained with an adequate choice of the three coefficients. For this last case, but with $\delta = 0$, then we get a central-differenced sixth-order accurate scheme.

β	θ^c	θ^d	CFL_{max}
1/3	0	0	2.310
1/3	- 1/6	0	0.263
1/3	0	- 1/6	1.332
1/3	- 1/10	- 1/15	1.867

Table 2: Maximal Courant numbers (explicit RK6 scheme) for the four different spatial schemes (1D analysis)

2.2 Time advancing stability

We can combine the above scheme with the standard Runge-Kutta time advancing.

Since the purpose is to compute linear acoustics, we can simplify the Runge-Kutta scheme to the linearised Jameson variant ([7]) which writes as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U^{(0)} &= U^n \\
 U^{(k)} &= U^{(0)} + \frac{\Delta t}{N - k + 1} L(U^{(k-1)}), \quad k = 1 \dots N \\
 U^{n+1} &= U^{(N)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

We recall in Table 2 some typical maximal CFL numbers for the six-stage RK scheme, which ensure a global accuracy of five for the two best schemes of the proposed family. This table illustrates that the above schemes can be used with CFL number of the order of the unity.

3 UNSTRUCTURED TWO-DIMENSIONAL CASE

The family of 2D schemes that is considered is a *mixed finite-volume finite-element approximation*, applying on triangulations, and of *vertex-centered* type. We refer to [8] for a detailed description of this family of scheme.

Around each vertex is built a cell following to main options:

- either the cell is limited by part of the medians of surrounding triangles,
- or the cell is built according to an idea of Barth ([9]) by joining the center of edges with the center of smallest circle containing the considered triangle.

The fluxes are assembled on an edge-based process, i.e. for each edge ij between two nodes i and j , and then summed for each node i as follows:

$$area_i W_{i,t} - F + \sum \Phi_{ij} = 0 \tag{9}$$

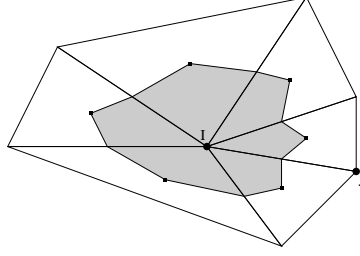


Figure 1: Median cell construction

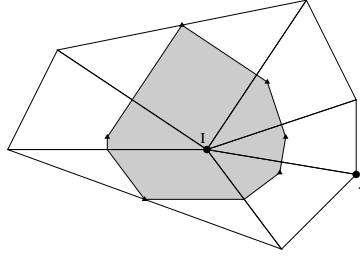


Figure 2: Circumcenter "Barth" cell construction

where Φ_{ij} are elementary fluxes computed with Riemann solvers. We first recall the features of an extended version proposed in [4], [5] for Euler calculations.

The numerical integration with an upwind scheme generally leads to approximations which are only first-order accurate. The MUSCL methodology of van Leer has been extended to vertex-centered unstructured formulations in order to reach second order accuracy (see for example [8]). This extension relies on the evaluation fluxes with extrapolated values W_{ij} , W_{ji} at the interface of the cells (Figure 3): with:

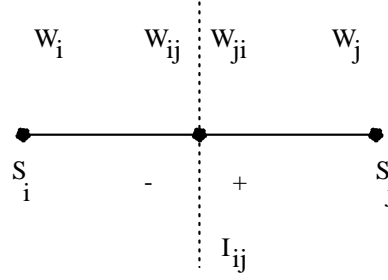
$$\begin{cases} W_{ij} &= W_i + 0.5 (\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij} \cdot \vec{i}_j \\ W_{ji} &= W_j - 0.5 (\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji} \cdot \vec{i}_j \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

where the "extrapolation slopes" $(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij,ji}$ are obtained using a combination of centered and upwind gradients.

In order to increase the accuracy of the basic MUSCL construction, we propose to define these slopes as follows :

The centered gradient $(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^c$ is defined as $(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^c \cdot \vec{i}_j = W_j - W_i$.

The nodal gradient $(\vec{\nabla} W)_i$ is calculated on the cell C_i as the average of the gradients of the

Figure 3: Position of W_{ij} and W_{ji} on $[S_i, S_j]$

triangles which include the considered node :

$$(\vec{\nabla} W)_i = \frac{1}{\text{aire}(C_i)} \sum_{T \in C_i} \frac{\text{aire}(T)}{3} \sum_{k \in T} W_k \vec{\nabla} \Phi_k^T \quad (11)$$

The upwind gradient is computed according to the definition of the downstream and upstream triangles which can be associated with an edge $[S_i S_j]$ (Figure 4). The downstream and upstream triangles are respectively noted T_{ij} and T_{ji} . One has so :

$(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^d = \vec{\nabla} W|_{T_{ij}}$ and $(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^u = \vec{\nabla} W|_{T_{ji}}$ where $\vec{\nabla} W|_T = \sum_{k \in T} W_k \vec{\nabla} \Phi_k|_T$ are the P1-

Galerkin gradients on triangle T . This option allows extensions to Local Extremum Diminishing (LED) schemes as shown in [7].

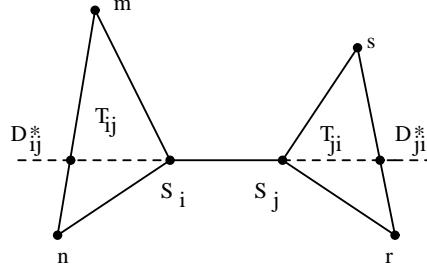
We now specify our method for computing the extrapolation slopes $(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}$ and $(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji}$:

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij} \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} = & (1 - \beta)(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^c \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} + \beta(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^u \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} \\ & + \xi_c \left[(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^u \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} - 2(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^c \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} + (\vec{\nabla} W)_{ij}^d \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} \right] \\ & + \xi_d \left[(\vec{\nabla} W)_{D_{ij}^*} \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} - 2(\vec{\nabla} W)_i \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} + (\vec{\nabla} W)_j \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} \right] , \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The computation of W_{ji} is analogous:

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji} \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} = & (1 - \beta)(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji}^c \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} + \beta(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji}^u \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} \\ & + \xi_c \left[(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji}^u \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} - 2(\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji}^c \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} + (\vec{\nabla} W)_{ji}^d \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} \right] \\ & + \xi_d \left[(\vec{\nabla} W)_{D_{ji}^*} \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} - 2(\vec{\nabla} W)_j \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} + (\vec{\nabla} W)_i \cdot \vec{i} \vec{j} \right] , \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The term $(\vec{\nabla} W)_{D_{ij}^*}$ is the gradient at the point D_{ij}^* . This last gradient is computed by interpolation of the nodal gradient values at the nodes contained in the face opposite to i in the upwind triangle T_{ij} . The coefficients β , ξ^c and ξ^d are upwinding parameters that

Figure 4: Localisation of the extra interpolation points D_{ij}^* and D_{ji}^* of nodal gradients

	β	ξ^c	ξ^d	δ	Order
β -scheme	1/3	0	0	1	3
β -scheme	1/3	0	0	0	4
Present Method	1/3	-1/30	-2/15	1	5
Present Method	1/3	-1/30	-2/15	0	6

Table 3: Accuracy of different versions of the new scheme in 2D regular case

control the combination of fully upwind and centered slopes.

To sum up, these schemes have only sixth-order dissipation and are in general second-order accurate but they become higher-order accurate in the linear case for some values of the parameters β (see [10]) ξ^c and ξ^d , see [11] and Table 3.

4 LINEARISATION

The natural model for the propagation of acoustics in a fluid is the compressible Navier-Stokes equations. However their use for this purpose is difficult small amplitude of variation that corresponds to acoustics phenomena.

In that case the linearised Euler model is generally a reasonable one. The Euler equations are denoted by:

$$W_t + F(W)_x + G(W)_y = 0 \quad (14)$$

and their linearisation near a steady flow W_0 writes:

$$W_t + (F'(W_0)W)_x + (G'(W_0)W)_y = 0. \quad (15)$$

In an ideal situation, we wish an approximation of the linearised system that be *conservative* and *non dissipative*. In practice, we need to introduce some dissipation with a Riemann solver.

4.1 Linearisation of a Riemann solver

The interest of a good upwinding is a rather rational way in introducing dissipation. The flux difference splitting proposed by Roe writes:

$$(F(U_L) + F(U_R))/2 - |A(\tilde{U})|(U_R - U_L)/2 \quad (16)$$

where \tilde{U} holds for the Roe average of U_R and U_L . This average ensures that Roe's splitting is upwind in supersonic case, but this holds only in nonlinear case. A not identical, but very close, formulation is the following:

$$(F(U_L) + F(U_R))/2 - \text{sign}(A(\tilde{U}))(F(U_R) - F(U_L))/2 \quad (17)$$

in which $\text{sign}(A)$ for a diagonalisable matrix $A = T^{-1}\Lambda T$, with $\Lambda = \text{Diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ holds for the expression:

$$\text{sign}(A) = T^{-1} \text{Diag}(\text{sign}(\lambda_1), \text{sign}(\lambda_2), \text{sign}(\lambda_3))T. \quad (18)$$

We can easily check that this form allows full upwinding if all λ_i are of same sign, this time without assuming that \tilde{U} is the Roe average. As a linearised version, we suggest:

$$(F'(U_L)W_L + F'(U_R)W_R)/2 - \delta \text{sign}(A(\tilde{U}))(F(W_R) - F(W_L)) \quad (19)$$

Where \tilde{U} can be produced by any symmetric averaging. Coefficient δ is to be chosen small, in order to gain benefit of the extra stability of a linear formulation.

4.2 Linearisation and global approximation

We now extend the high-order accurate construction of the first section to the case of variable coefficients. We first start from a 1D scalar case:

$$W_t + (c(x)u(x))_x = 0. \quad (20)$$

One novelty with respect to [4] and [5], is that we want to save the order of accuracy for a non-uniform background flow, represented here by $c(x)$. Our proposition for this purpose is to apply the high order derivation operators to the *fluxes* $c(x)u(x)$.

This is done by interpolating variable $cu(x)$, from its values $(cu)_i$ on each node, and from its nodal gradients $(\nabla u)_i$. We obtain cell interface values $(cu)_{i+1/2}^+$ and $(cu)_{i+1/2}^-$ at abscissae $x_{i+1/2}$.

The resulting spatially semi-discretized scheme writes:

$$area(i) W_{i,t} + \Phi_{i+1/2} - \Phi_{i-1/2} = 0 \quad (21)$$

with

$$\Phi_{i+1/2} = 0.5 ((cu)_{i+1/2}^+ + (cu)_{i+1/2}^-) \quad (22)$$

The above averaging of plus and minus values corresponds to a central differencing formulation (“no Riemann solver”). According to the choice among the above “interpolations parameters”, it can be of second to sixth order accuracy. We note in passing that the idea of choosing flux interpolation allows to escape to the second-order limitation advocated by Wu and Wang ([12]) for MUSCL schemes.

4.3 Stabilisation

It can be necessary to stabilise the scheme define in the previous section, especially when non-uniform meshes are used.

As criteria of design for designing the stabilisation terms, we propose the following ones:

(i)- stabilisation is directly governed by the discontinuities produced by the interpolations chosen in the central differenced term

(ii)- stabilisation should allow full upwinding (as far as all characteristics are in the same direction, and the interpolation is also full upwind)

(iii)- since the leading error will be directly governed by the first derivatives of eigenvalues, we do not need to interpolate them in a costly way.

$$\Phi_{i+1/2}^{upwind} = \Phi_{i+1/2} - D_{i+1/2} \quad (23)$$

with

$$D_{i+1/2} = 0.5 \delta \text{sign}(c_{i+1/2})((cu)_{i+1/2}^+ - (cu)_{i+1/2}^-) \quad (24)$$

where $c_{i+1/2}$ is the simple average $(c_i + c_{i+1})/2$. The coefficient δ will allow a fine tuning of the *spatial* dissipation of the scheme and should be less or equal to 1.

4.4 1D linearised Euler Formulation

The interpolation is now applied to the values of the linearised fluxes $F'(U)W$. Stabilisation is inspired by the Riemann solver proposed below. This results in :

$$\Phi_{i+1/2}^{upwind} = \Phi_{i+1/2} - D_{i+1/2} \quad (25)$$

with:

$$\Phi_{i+1/2} = 0.5((F'(U)W)_{i+1/2}^+ + (F'(U)W)_{i+1/2}^-) \quad (26)$$

and:

$$D_{i+1/2} = 0.5 \delta \text{sign}(A_{i+1/2})((F'(U)W)_{i+1/2}^+ - (F'(U)W)_{i+1/2}^-) \quad (27)$$

4.5 2D linearised Euler Formulation

The Euler equations are written in short:

$$w_t + F(W)_x + G(W)_y = 0 \quad (28)$$

or:

$$w_t + \operatorname{div} \mathcal{F} = 0 \quad (29)$$

Let us denote n_{ij} the integral of the normal vector along the interface between two cells, $Cell_i$ and $Cell_j$.

The interpolation is now applied to the values of the linearised flux vectors in the normal direction $\mathcal{F}'(U)W \cdot n_{ij}$. This gives:

$$\Phi_{ij}^{upwind} = \Phi_{ij} - \mathcal{D}_{ij} \quad (30)$$

with:

$$\Phi_{i+1/2} = 0.5((\mathcal{F}'(U)W)_{ij} \cdot n_{ij} + (\mathcal{F}'(U)W)_{ji} \cdot n_{ij}) \quad (31)$$

and:

$$\mathcal{D}_{i+1/2} = 0.5 \delta \operatorname{sign}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})((\mathcal{F}'(U)W)_{ij} \cdot n_{ij} - (\mathcal{F}'(U)W)_{ji} \cdot n_{ij}) \quad (32)$$

where \mathcal{A}_{ij} is defined by:

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij} = \mathcal{F}'((U_i + U_j)/2) \cdot n_{ij}. \quad (33)$$

4.6 Summary of the spatial scheme

The global algorithm for computing the fluxes can be summed as follows.

0. A background flow $U = (\rho, \rho u, \rho v, E)$ and a perturbation $W = (\delta \rho, \delta(\rho u), \delta(\rho v), \delta E)$, on each vertex of the mesh are given.
1. Compute the linearised fluxes $\bar{F} = F'(U).W$, $\bar{G} = G'(U).W$ on each vertex (vertexwise loop).
2. Compute the nodal gradients $\nabla \bar{F}$, $\nabla \bar{G}$ of the linearised fluxes on each vertex (elementwise loop). This is done by applying the nodal gradient formula:

$$(\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_i = \frac{1}{\operatorname{aire}(C_i)} \sum_{T \in C_i} \frac{\operatorname{aire}(T)}{3} \sum_{k \in T} (\bar{F})_k \vec{\nabla} \Phi_k^T \quad (34)$$

3. Start *edgewise assembly loop*:
compute the extrapolated slopes :

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_{ij} \cdot \vec{i}j = & (1 - \beta)(\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_{ij}^c \cdot \vec{i}j + \beta(\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_{ij}^u \cdot \vec{i}j \\ & + \xi_c \left[(\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_{ij}^u \cdot \vec{i}j - 2(\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_{ij}^c \cdot \vec{i}j + (\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_{ij}^d \cdot \vec{i}j \right] \\ & + \xi_d \left[(\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_{D_{ij}^*} \cdot \vec{i}j - 2(\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_i \cdot \vec{i}j + (\vec{\nabla} \bar{F})_j \cdot \vec{i}j \right] , \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

(and analog for $\vec{\nabla}(\bar{F}(U, V))_{ij}$).

The central differenced flux is deduced:

$$\Phi_{ij} = 0.5 (\bar{\mathcal{F}}_i + \nabla \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{ij} + \bar{\mathcal{F}}_j - \nabla \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{ji}) \cdot n_{ij} \quad (36)$$

in which:

$$\bar{\mathcal{F}} = (\bar{F}, \bar{G}) \quad (37)$$

4. Evaluate the stabilisation term:

$$\mathcal{D}_{i+1/2} = 0.5 \delta \text{sign}(\mathcal{A}_{ij})((\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{ij} \cdot n_{ij} - (\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{ji} \cdot n_{ij})) \quad (38)$$

where \mathcal{A}_{ij} is defined by:

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij} = (F', G')((U_i + U_j)/2) \cdot n_{ij}. \quad (39)$$

5. Compute the final edge flux as:

$$\Phi_{ij}^{upwind} = \Phi_{ij} - \mathcal{D}_{ij} \quad (40)$$

and add (subtract) it to flux assembly at vertex i (j).

4.7 Boundary conditions

Boundary conditions have a crucial influence on the quality of practical acoustic simulations. Non-reflecting boundary conditions are necessary in order to avoid spurious reflecting waves to travel in the computational domain. In this preliminary study, we shall not consider problems with possible reflections, and we shall use in the presented calculations upwind farfield conditions relying on the Steger-Warming flux splitting. In short, fluxes between boundary cell and external medium are computed as follows:

$$\Phi_i^{external} = A^+(U_i)W_i + A^-(U_\infty)W_\infty$$

where $A = \frac{\partial F}{\partial U} \cdot n$, n being the normal to boundary, U_∞ and W_∞ respectively the background flow and perturbation specified at farfield.

4.8 Time advancing

The time advancing is as for the 1D scheme a Runge-Kutta one, that can be used in the linearised version defined in (8).

5 Numerical experiments

In this first presentation of our scheme we shall concentrate on uniform background flow. An example of non-uniform background flow is given in [13] and [14]. The numerical experiments presented here are of two types. Firstly, we check the accuracy order of our schemes. Secondly, we compute a well known test case in order to evaluate their accuracy in a more practical context.

5.1 Accuracy validation

In order to have an analytical context for accuracy validation, we choose a solution which is very small near the boundaries of the computational domain. For realizing this programme, we have to introduce sources terms in our formulation.

5.1.1 Test case description

We define the background flow \bar{U} as:

$$\bar{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 \\ M_x \\ M_y \\ 1/\gamma \end{pmatrix}.$$

The system of linearized Euler equations with time and space dependent source terms is prescribed as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(M_x \rho + u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(M_y \rho + v)}{\partial y} &= B \omega \cos(\omega t) e^{(-A(x^2+y^2))} = \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(M_x u + p)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial M_y u}{\partial y} &= \\ B(-M_x \omega \cos(\omega t) + 2M_x^2 A x \sin(\omega t) - 2 \sin(\omega t) A x + 2 M_y M_x \sin(\omega t) A y) e^{(-A(x^2+y^2))} & \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial M_x u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(M_y v + p)}{\partial y} &= \\ B(-M_y \omega \cos(\omega t) + 2 M_x M_y \sin(\omega t) A x + 2 M_y^2 \sin(\omega t) A y - 2 \sin(\omega t) A y) e^{(-A(x^2+y^2))} & \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(M_x p + u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(M_y p + v)}{\partial y} &= B \omega \cos(\omega t) e^{(-A(x^2+y^2))} \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

The initial data is taken equal to zero that is

$$\rho(0, x, y) = 0, \quad u(0, x, y) = 0, \quad v(0, x, y) = 0, \quad p(0, x, y) = 0 \quad (42)$$

The resulting initial boundary value problem (41)-(42) has the following analytical solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho(x, y, t) &= B \sin(\omega t) e^{(-A(x^2+y^2))} \\
 u(x, y, t) &= -M_x B \sin(\omega t) e^{(-A(x^2+y^2))} \\
 v(x, y, t) &= -M_y B \sin(\omega t) e^{(-A(x^2+y^2))} \\
 p(x, y, t) &= \rho(x, y, t) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

The particularity of this solution is that it is a function of finite space support. This property is expected to prevent from troubles connected with free boundary conditions.

5.1.2 Modification of time integration procedure

Let us study the time integration of the equations system (41). It is easy to verify that the usual Jameson procedure (8) provides a high order of time approximation only for ordinary linear differential equations of form $dy/dt = \lambda y + at$ (where λ and a are constants) and only the second order for any other right hand side of the ODE.

In a general case including the validation test case, we have the following ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = L(U) + f(t) \tag{44}$$

where L is **linear** differential operator and $f(t)$ is the source term **non-linearly dependent on time t and independent on the solution U** .

In order to provide high accuracy order, we should modify the Jameson time integration for the case of nonlinear on t source terms. In doing so as usually, let us apply the Taylor expansion of function y defined by the equation (44), replace the corresponding time gradients by their values taken from (44) and rearrange the terms. As a result, the time integration technique can be formulated as the following low storage multi-stage (N-stage) algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 U^{(0)} &= U^n \\
 U^{(k)} &= U^{(0)} + \frac{\Delta t}{N-k+1} L(U^{(k-1)}) + (N-k)! \sum_{l=1}^k \frac{\Delta t^l}{(N-k+l)!} \frac{d^{l-1} f}{dt^{l-1}}, \quad k = 1 \dots N \\
 U^{n+1} &= U^{(N)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

5.1.3 Numerical results

The test conditions are further specified by choosing $M_x = M_y = 0.5 \cos(\pi/4)$ and $A = 0.002$, $B = 0.1$. Two variants are considered. They differ only by the choice of frequency ω in (43) and different final times T_{final} :

- TEST 1: $\omega = 2\pi \times 0.0125$, $T = 2\pi/\omega = 80$, $T_{final} = 20$.
- TEST 2: $\omega = 2\pi \times 0.1$, $T = 2\pi/\omega = 10$, $T_{final} = 40$.

The integration has been done both according to the technique (45) and "classical" fourth order Runge-Kutta method with the unique Courant number equal to 0.25.

All the computations have been done on regular meshes (coarse, $\Delta x = \Delta y = 2$. and fine, $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1$.) with the use of Barth cells.

A study of the computational accuracy is presented with the use of three different norms,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_C &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |\rho - \rho^{exact}|, \\ \|u\|_{L_1} &= \sum_{i=1}^N |\rho - \rho^{exact}| \text{meas}(C_i), \\ \|u\|_{L_2} &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^N |\rho - \rho^{exact}|^2 \text{meas}(C_i) \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

where $\text{meas}(C_i)$ is computed with the Barth cell option. An numerical accuracy order n is calculated by the following formulas

$$n = - \frac{\ln \|\rho - \rho^{exact}\|_{\text{finemesh}} - \ln \|\rho - \rho^{exact}\|_{\text{coarsemesh}}}{\ln(Dx)_{\text{finemesh}} - \ln(Dx)_{\text{coarsemesh}}} \quad (47)$$

We compare first the two test cases with the best scheme, corresponding to $\delta = 0$. In Tables 4 and 5, we get confirmation that this scheme is of sixth order accuracy and its implementation is validated.

	C Error	L1 Error	L2 Error
Coarse	0.908D-07	0.284D-03	0.278D-05
Fine	0.155D-08	0.520D-05	0.457D-07
Numerical order	5.872	5.771	5.927

Table 4: Density errors for $\delta = 0$: $\omega = 0.0125 \times 2\pi$, $T = 80$.

We added the computation of TEST 1 with the dissipative version, i.e. with $\delta = 1$. Table 6 displays the results that validate the theoretical analysis (fifth order).

Some comments can be made. The main point is that the expected accuracy is verified. We emphasize that this validation does not include the boundary region, since our solution

	C Error	L1 Error	L2 Error
Coarse	0.207D-07	0.232D-04	0.365D-06
Fine	0.358D-09	0.607D-06	0.823D-08
Numerical order	5.854	5.256	5.471

Table 5: Density errors for $\delta = 0 : \omega = 0.1 \times 2\pi, T = 10$.

	C Error	L1 Error	L2 Error
Coarse	0.838D-06	0.269D-02	0.271D-04
Fine	0.264D-07	0.840D-04	0.854D-06
Numerical order	4.988	5.001	4.988

Table 6: Density errors for $\delta = 1 : \omega = 0.0125 \times 2\pi, T = 80$.

is very small near the boundary. However, the treatment of reflecting wall could with some schemes be computed with high-order accuracy. In our options, the proposed scheme is not able to do this, even with a cartesian mesh. This disadvantage is the result of our design options, but we recall that our target computation is acoustics in complex geometry and in general the mesh will not be cartesian in the direct vicinity of the walls, but it can be cartesian in the rest of the computational domain.

5.2 Tam test case

A second test case is now considered in order to study the accuracy of the proposed scheme on a more typical acoustic problem. The problem to solve is taken from the *ICASE/LaRC Workshop on Benchmark Problems in Computational Aeroacoustics (CAA)* held in Hampton, Virginia in October 24-26, 1994 ([15]).

5.2.1 Test case formulation

We put again

$$\overline{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 \\ M_x \\ M_y \\ 1/\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

and the vector components of initial acoustic disturbances are described as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x, y, 0) &= \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{9}(x^2 + y^2)\right) + 0.1 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{25}((x - 67)^2 + y^2)\right) \\ u(x, y, 0) &= 0.04y \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{25}((x - 67)^2 + y^2)\right) \\ v(x, y, 0) &= -0.04(x - 67) \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{25}((x - 67)^2 + y^2)\right) \\ p(x, y, 0) &= \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{9}(x^2 + y^2)\right). \end{aligned}$$

This initial boundary value problem has the following analytical solution

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, t) &= \frac{x - M_x t}{2 \frac{\ln 2}{25} \eta} I1 + 0.04(y - M_y t) \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{25}((x - 67 - M_x t)^2 + (y - M_y t)^2)\right) \\ v(x, y, t) &= \frac{y}{2 \frac{\ln 2}{9} \eta} I1 + 0.04(y - M_y t) \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{25}((x - 67 - M_x t)^2 + (y - M_y t)^2)\right) \\ p(x, y, t) &= \frac{1}{2 \frac{\ln 2}{9}} I2 \\ \rho(x, y, t) &= p + 0.1 \exp\left(-\frac{\ln 2}{25}((x - 67 - M_x t)^2 + y^2)\right) \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I1(x, y, t) &= \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\xi^2}{4 \ln 2}\right) J_1(\xi \eta) \xi \sin \xi t d\xi \\ I2(x, y, t) &= \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\xi^2}{4 \ln 2}\right) J_0(\xi \eta) \xi \cos \xi t d\xi \end{aligned}$$

J_0 and J_1 are the corresponding Bessel functions.

5.2.2 Results

The following test cases are considered. In the first test problem (TEST 3) the mean flow velocities are $M_x = 0.5$, $M_y = 0.0$ which corresponds to the case of a 'horizontal wind' from the left. In the second test problem (TEST 4) these velocities are $M_x = 0.5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$, $M_y = 0.5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ which corresponds to a 'diagonal wind' from the left bottom corner of a computational domain. Both problems are solved in a square $x_1 = -100$, $x_2 = 100$, $y_1 = -100$, $y_2 = 100$.

The numerical results of both test cases are represented only for the density disturbances (Figures 5-13). The solution cuts are given at the same fixed time moment $t = 40$. The computations represented in Figures 5-13 have been carried out on Cartesian meshes (TEST 4) and unstructured meshes (TEST 3).

	Cartesian mesh Test 4		Unstructured mesh Test 3	
	Coarse mesh 10201 nodes	Fine mesh 40401 nodes	Coarse mesh 9693 nodes	Fine mesh 39527 nodes
MC/ $\delta = 1$ Num.Order	9.910×10^{-1} 2.393	1.886×10^{-1}	1.019×10^0 1.99	1.406×10^{-1}
MC/ $\delta = 0$ Num.Order	1.202×10^0 3.202	1.306×10^{-1}	1.245×10^0 2.54	9.878×10^{-2}
BC/ $\delta = 1$ Num.Order	7.927×10^{-1} 2.925	1.044×10^{-1}	1.009×10^0 1.97	1.420×10^{-1}
BC/ $\delta = 0$ Num.Order	8.689×10^{-1} 4.053	5.217×10^{-2}	1.293×10^0 1.98	1.797×10^{-1}
Compact-RK(L2) Num.Order	0.713×10^0 3.623	0.587×10^{-1}		
DRP(L2) Num.Order	0.473×10^0 2.271	0.981×10^{-1}		

Table 7: Density L2 errors for four versions of the presented scheme, i.e. with dissipation parameter δ set equal to 1 and to 0, and with cell shapes of median type (MC) or of Barth type (BC). The results are compared with the ones of cartesian calculations [16] with the use of fourth-order compact finite-difference and DRP schemes.

5.2.3 Some comments on results

The above results lead to the following comments.

- Numerical accuracy order varies from 2.3 to 4., but most of measurements are not fully demonstrative since the results on the coarse meshes involve oscillations.
- The Barth cell option behaves better in the cartesian case and slightly worse in the unstructured case.
- Numerical dissipation improves the solution quality on some coarse meshes but not on all of them.
- The comparison between unstructured meshes and structured ones is possible since test cases 3 and 4 are of equivalent difficulty. It is not so defavourable to the unstructured case. The error on coarse meshes differs generally of only a few pourcents. On the fine meshes, the smallest unstructured error (9.810^{-2}) is not twice larger than the best structured one (5.210^{-2}). In most computation on the unstructured meshes, the oscillations are observed at least on the coarse meshes, but the numerical order of accuracy stays notably larger than 2.
- The test case is rather well computed with the cartesian fine mesh. Our scheme is well compared with the standard schemes for structured or cartesian meshes (DRP scheme [1], compact Runge-Kutta method [16]). We emphasize that none of the schemes that was tried on this case could produce a numerical order of accuracy close to the theoretical one. This is explained by the arising of details in the exact solution that are smaller than the mesh size, at least for the coarse mesh.
- It should be noted that the exact solution is given only as a solution of linearised Euler equations and can not be considered as a physical one. This fact is demonstrated in Figure 14 where the result of using nonlinear Euler model is represented. The choice of mathematical model for the acoustic waves description is very important since even in the case of rather small disturbances the linear models can produce very inaccurate results (see [13], [14]).

6 Conclusion

We have proposed a new family of schemes for the linearised Euler equations without or with sources.

The proposed schemes can be applied to unstructured triangulations. They are at least second-order accurate, and involve a tunable small stabilisation term made with a sixth-order derivative. The accuracy is much better than for usual second-order schemes. The schemes also enjoy superconvergence properties on cartesian meshes, up to a small vicinity of the boundary. Superconvergence order of accuracy can be as high as 5 or 6.

This order of accuracy is observed for adhoc test cases. For a basic acoustics test case ([15]), the accuracy is good on cartesian meshes and still rather good on unstructured meshes.

Further experiments of the schemes are in progress. In particular, the computation of test case on acoustic waves in non-uniform flows fields is presented in [13], [14].

The proposed schemes appear suitable for the advection parts also with nonlinear fluxes. The same papers ([13], [14]) consider the scheme modification accounting for nonlinear effects in acoustic waves dynamics. A specially elaborated test case is computed. The results show the difference in linear and nonlinear models as well as the possibility of negative influence of round off errors.

One of the main further goals is the scheme extension for the 3D case. Although it is not an evident task, the application of superconvergence principle seems to be possible.

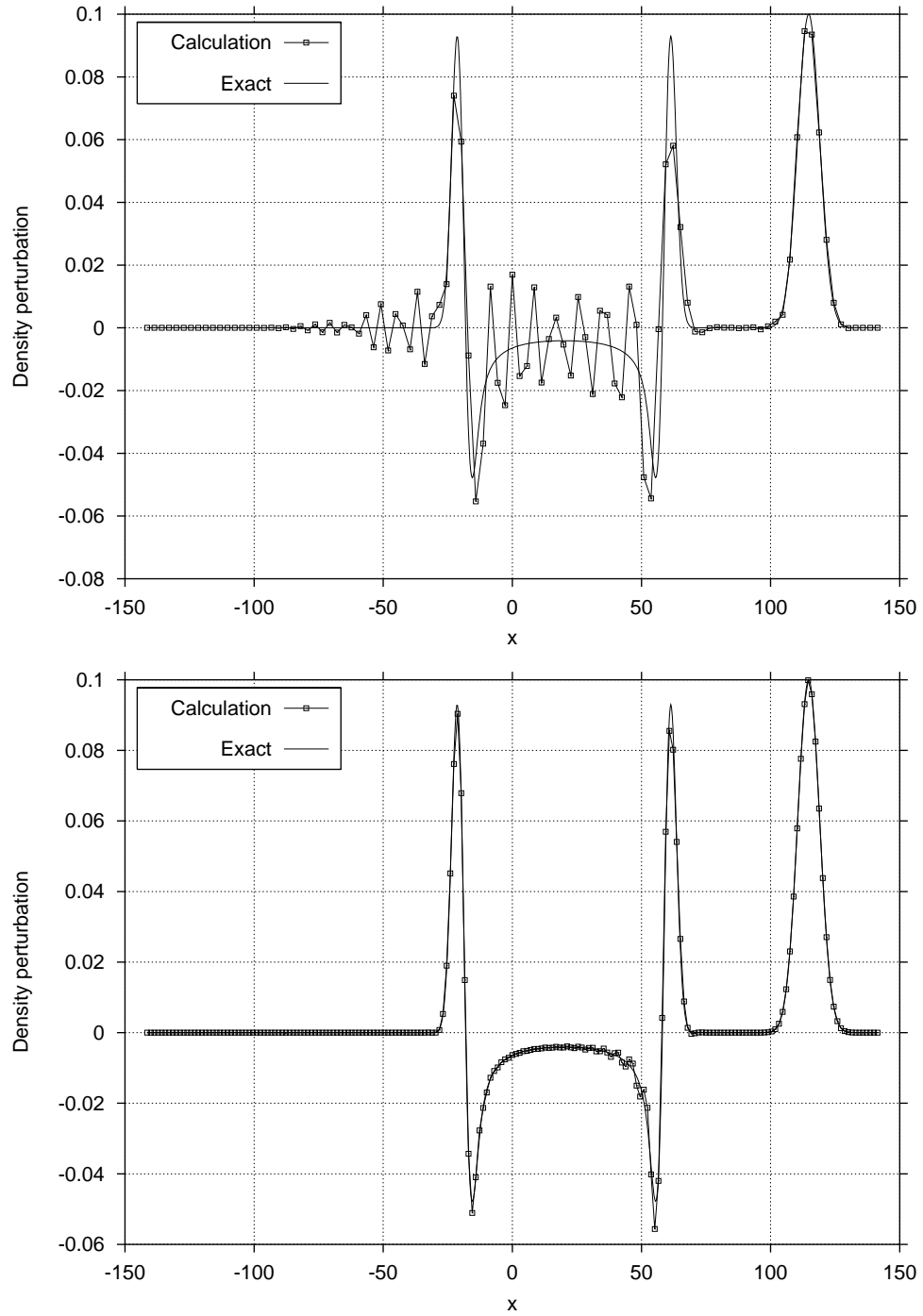


Figure 5: **TEST 4. Acoustic waves in diagonal wind.**
 Structured mesh, $\delta = 0$, median cells (top: 10201 nodes, bottom: 40401 nodes)

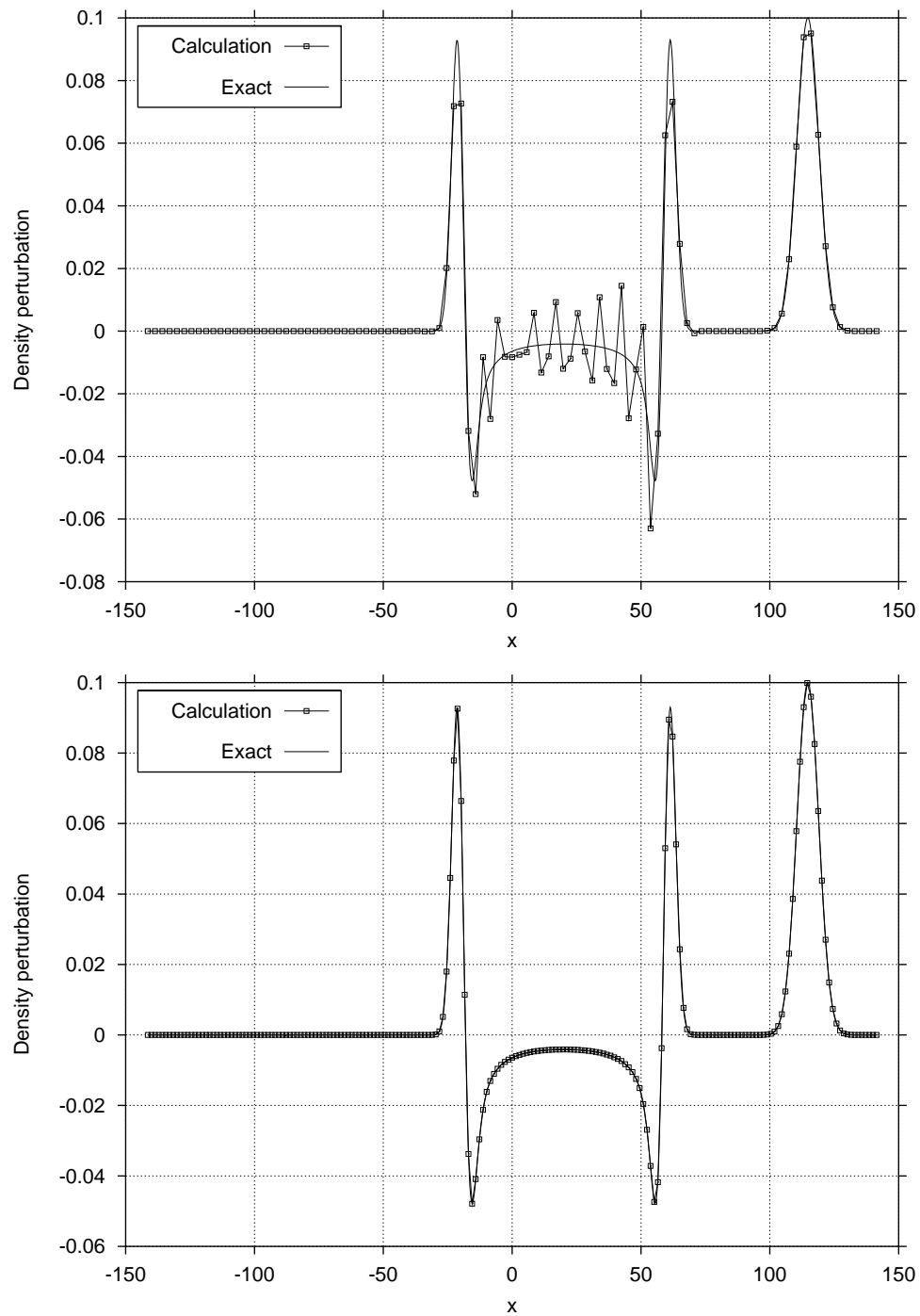


Figure 6: **TEST 4. Acoustic waves in diagonal wind.**
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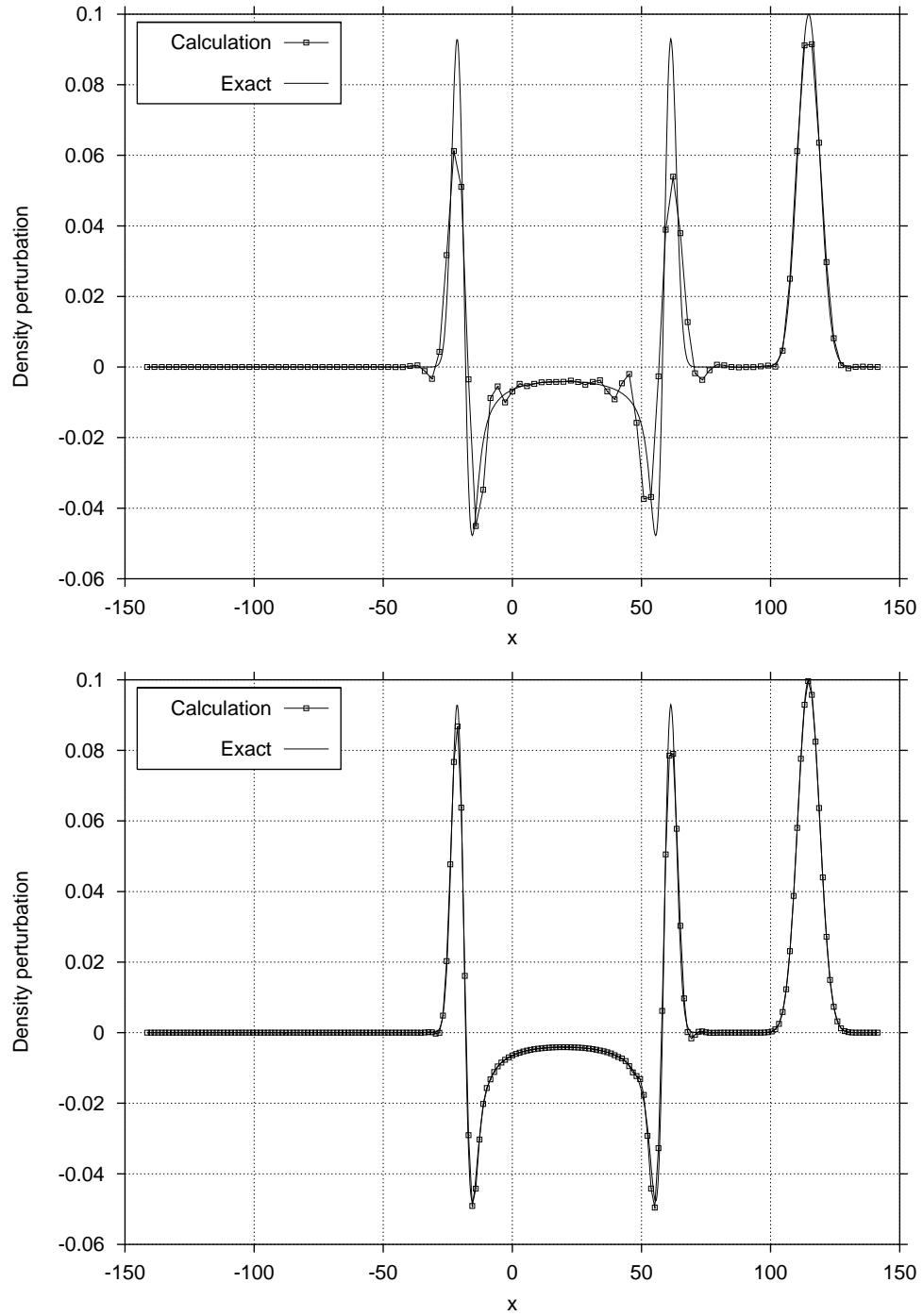


Figure 7: **TEST 4. Acoustic waves in diagonal wind.**
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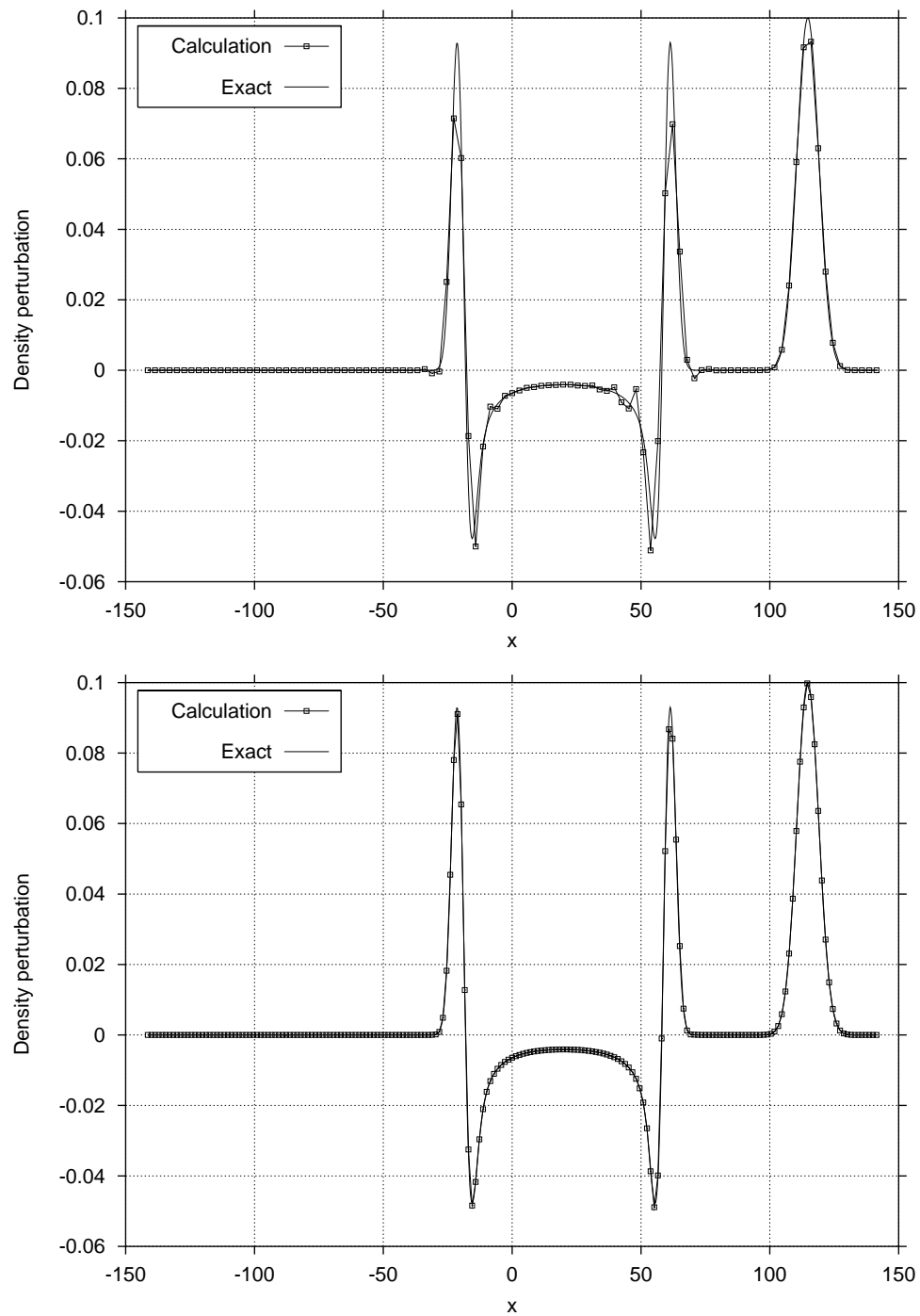


Figure 8: **TEST 4. Acoustic waves in diagonal wind.**
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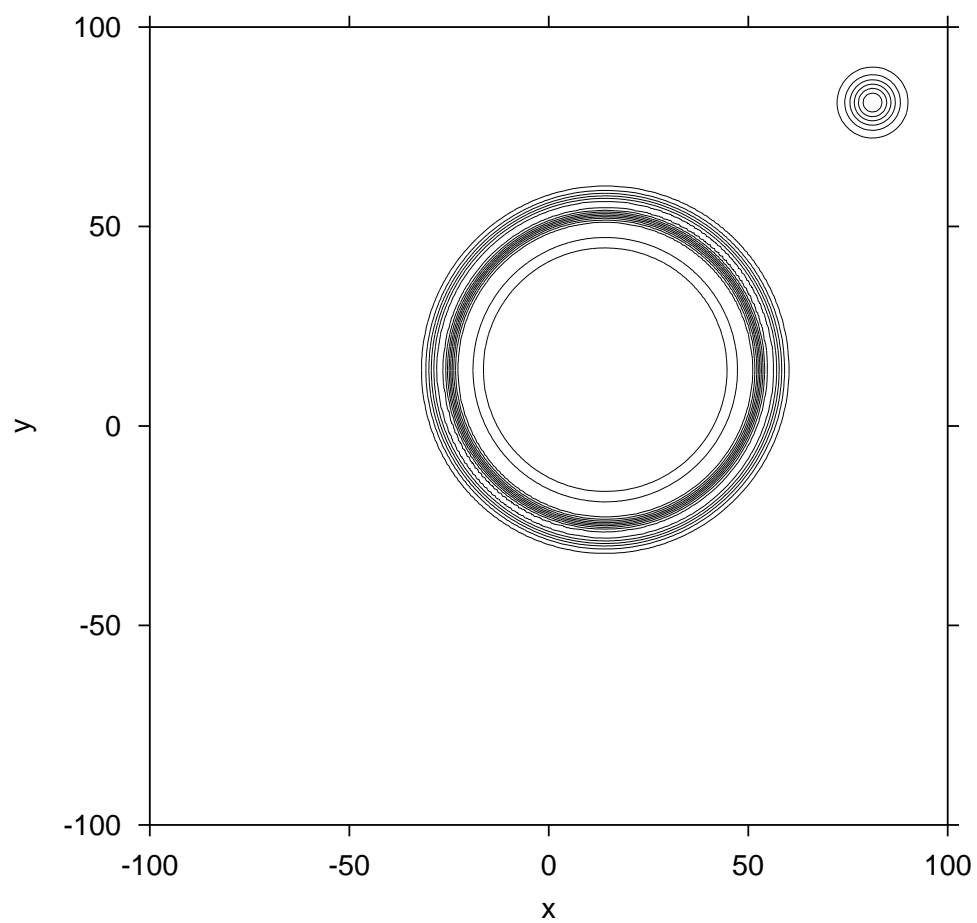


Figure 9: **TEST 4. Acoustic waves in diagonal wind.**

Initial solution: density

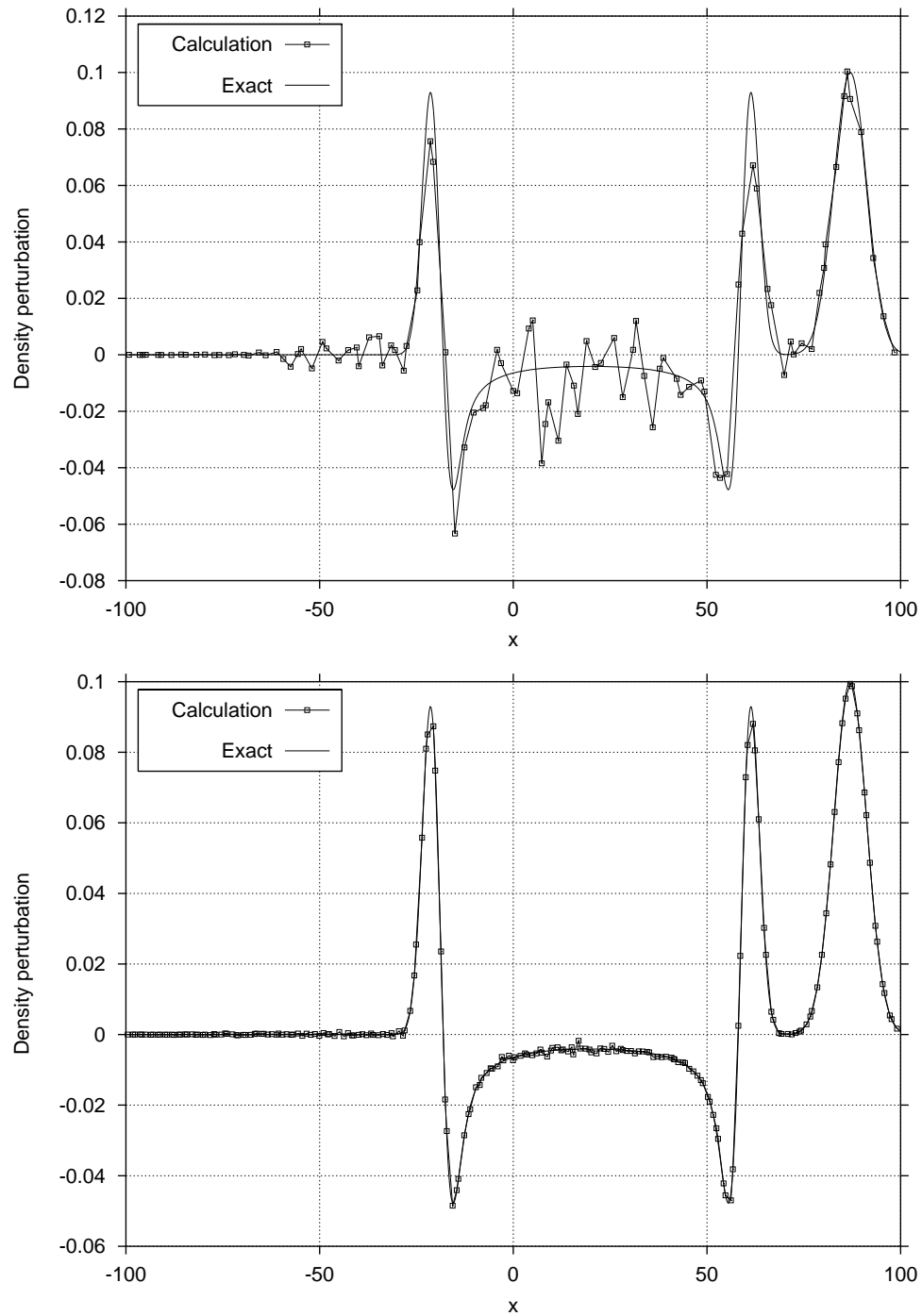


Figure 10: **TEST 4. Acoustic waves in diagonal wind.**
 Unstructured mesh, $\delta = 0$, median cells (top: 9693 nodes, bottom: 39527 nodes)

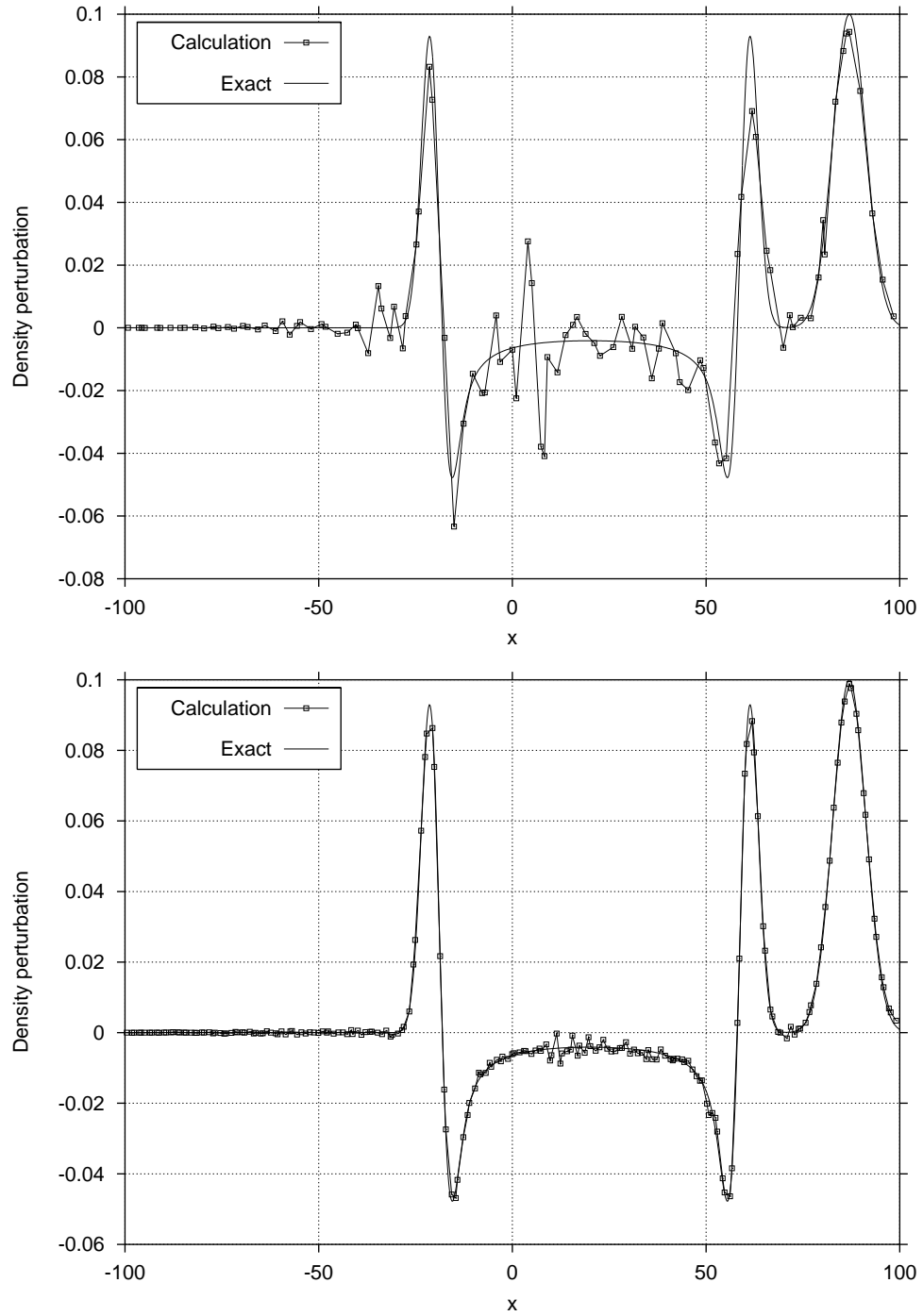


Figure 11: **TEST 3. Acoustic waves in horizontal wind.**
 Unstructured mesh, $\delta = 0$, Barth cells (top: 9693 nodes, bottom: 39527 nodes)

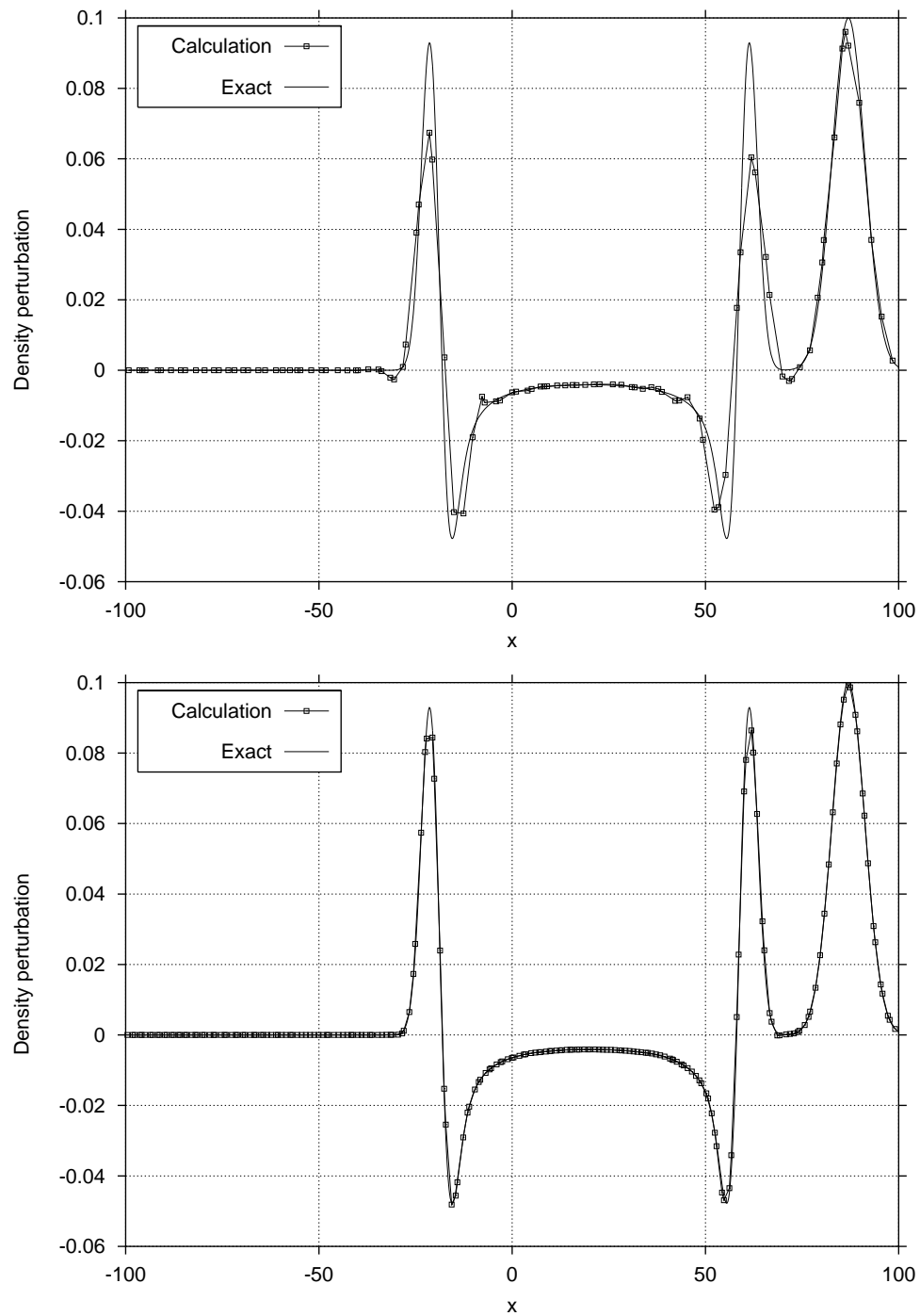


Figure 12: **TEST 3. Acoustic waves in horizontal wind.**
 Unstructured mesh, $\delta = 1$, median cells (top: 9693 nodes, bottom: 39527 nodes)

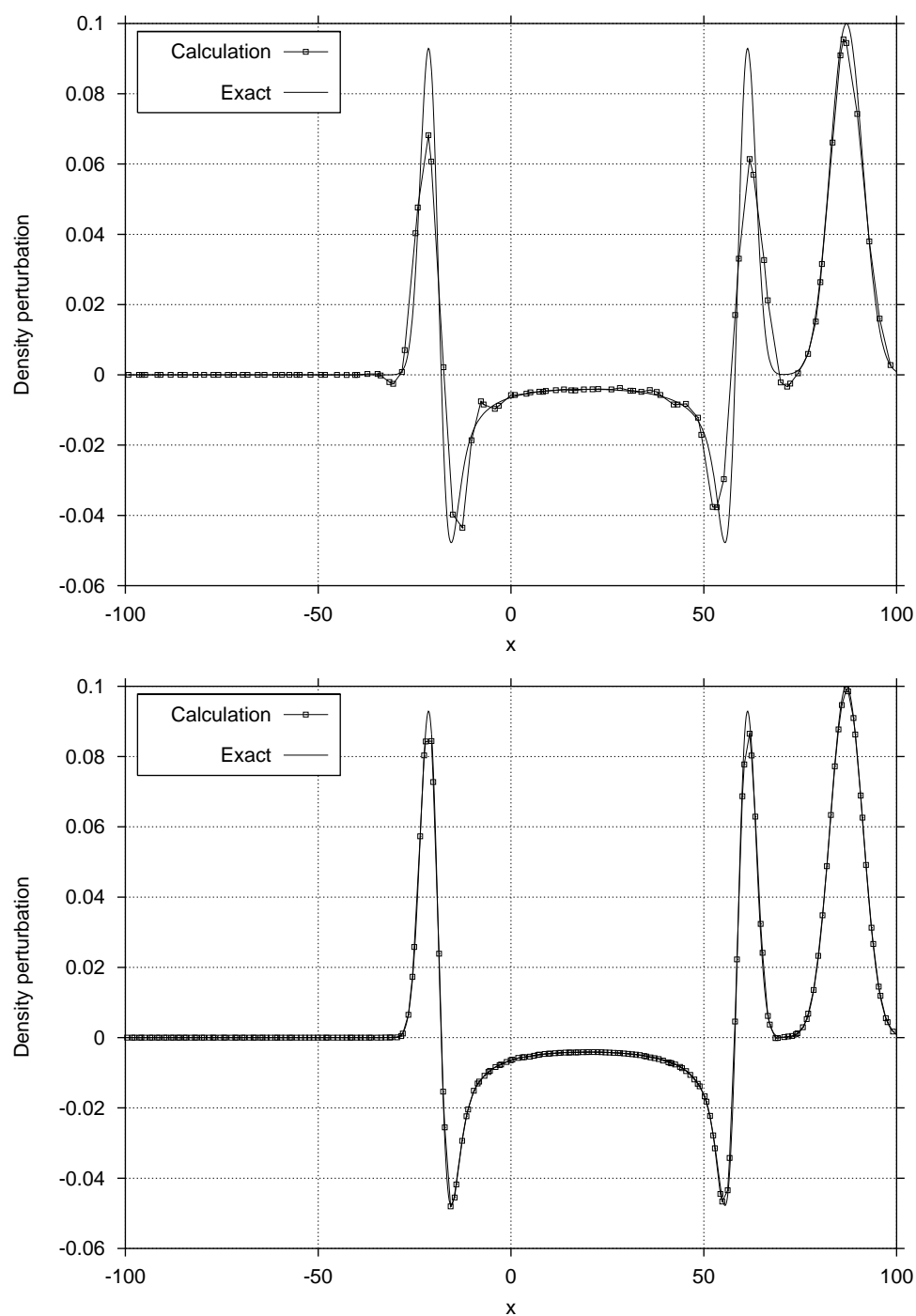


Figure 13: **TEST 3. Acoustic waves in horizontal wind.**
 Unstructured mesh, $\delta = 1$, Barth cells (top: 9693 nodes, bottom: 39527 nodes)

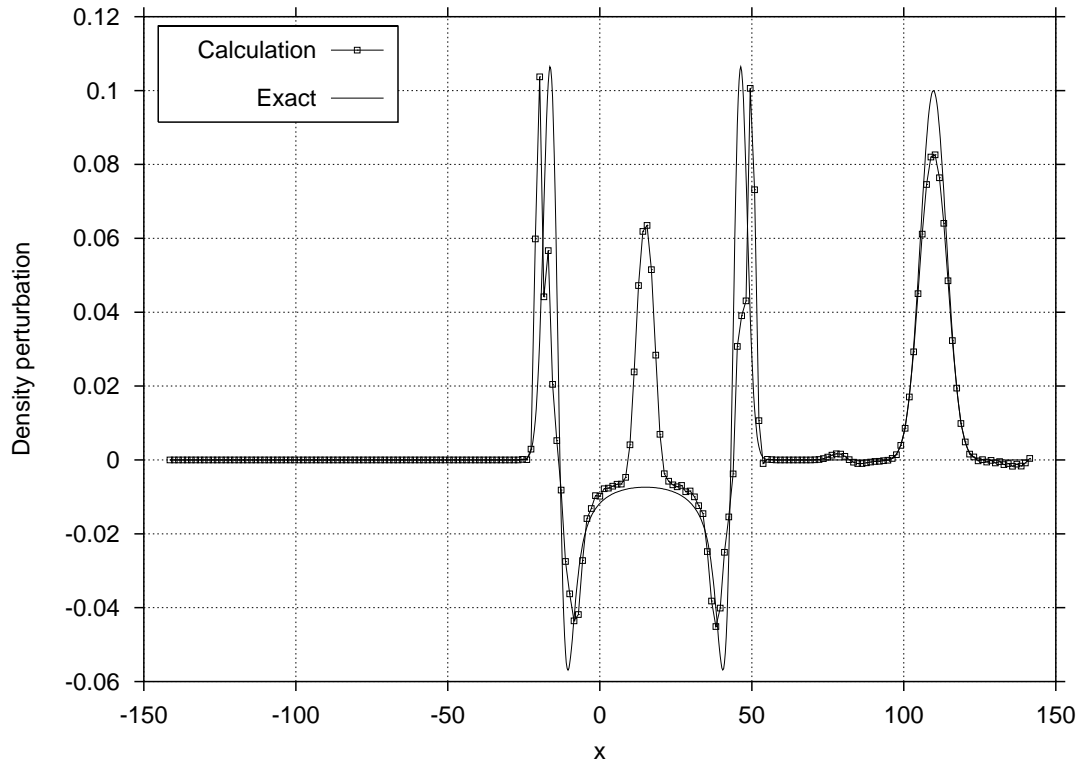


Figure 14: **TEST 4. Acoustic waves in diagonal wind.**
Nonlinear solution: density

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